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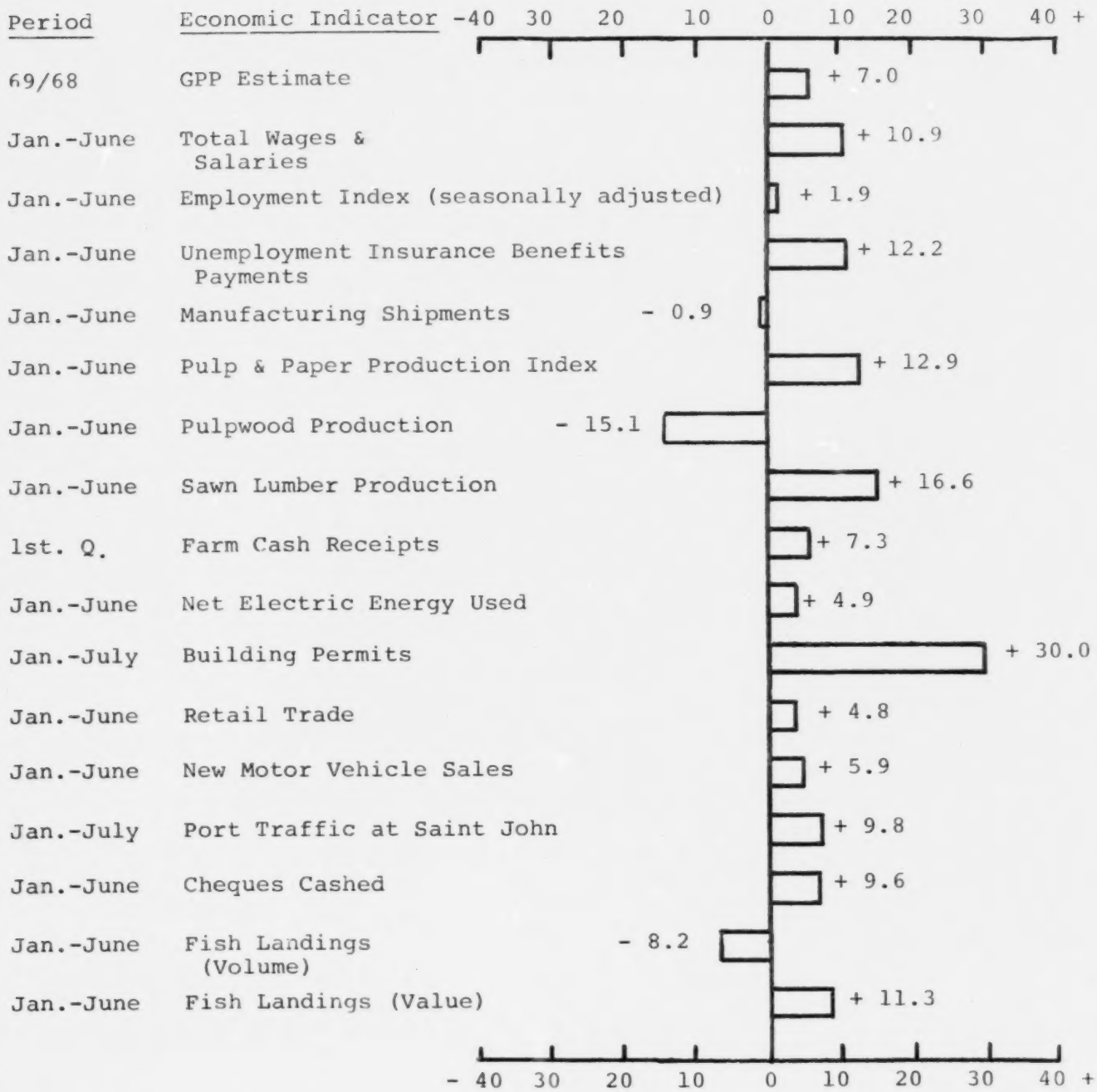
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Jan.-June Manufacturing Shipments - 0.9
Jan.-June Pulp & Paper Production Index + 12.9
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Jan.-June Sawn Lumber Production + 16.6
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Jan.-June Net Electric Energy Used + 4.9
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Jan.-June New Motor Vehicle Sales + 5.9
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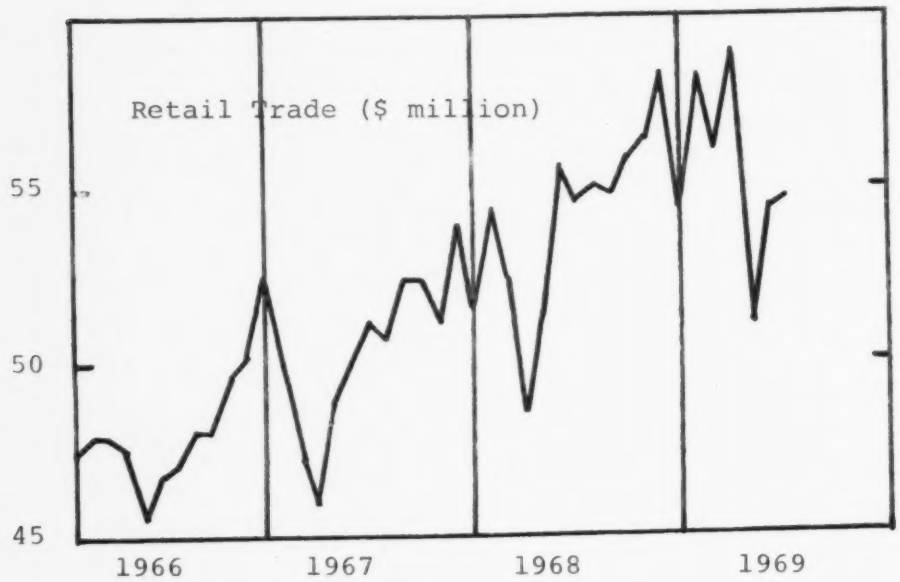
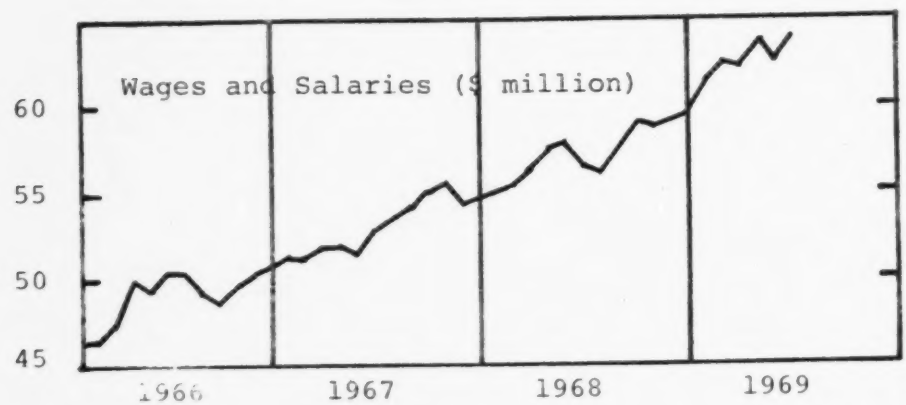
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
New Brunswick





The New Brunswick Economy at Mid-Year

National and international economic currents continue to dominate any discussion of the Provincial scene. After a good first quarter, the economy seemed to lose some of its momentum. However, income continued to grow at a healthy rate and construction activity was at a high level, while manufacturing and primary output were somewhat weak. Early estimates suggest a growth in overall Provincial output this year of about 7%, at least equivalent to last year's gain. However, the real growth may be somewhat less with more rapid price rises this year.

In Canada the second quarter saw a drop of 0.6% in real domestic product after large advances in the two previous quarters. Unemployment continued to rise, as did the degree of inflation. In July and August the consumer price index was 5% above the same months of 1968; during the first quarter the increase was just under 4%. At mid-year the unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was

about 5%, up from just over 4% in the first quarter.

In the United States second quarter growth matched that recorded in the first. Both were down somewhat from the last two quarters of 1968. Current debate there is concerned with the arrival date of an economic slowdown, expected to result from national restrictive policies. As in Canada the acceleration of price increases continues to confound policy makers. Unlike Canada the unemployment rate has not been rising. In fact this year's rates have been slightly below those of 1968.

Output

Farm cash receipts in New Brunswick in the first quarter amounted to $11.6 million, some 7% above the same three months of 1968. Most of the increase was derived from livestock and produce. With prices below those of a year ago, returns from potatoes were up only slightly.

After six months the Province's fish catch was below last year's outstanding volume by 8%, but in value there was a 11% increase. Returns from cod, lobsters, herring,

haddock, flounders and soles were all down. Most of the increased value was due to shrimp, but clams, redfish, smelts,and tuna were also reported higher.

An increase of 5% in electrical energy generated has been recorded so far this year. Manufacturing appears to have been a weak spot as first half shipments of $279 million were slightly below 1968. But this trend is somewhat suspect in that manufacturing employment continues to rise. The sample survey of manufacturing establishments used to measure current shipments has failed to pick up new plants established in the Province over the past three or four years (Some 120 new plants are known to have located here during this period). The shipments series is thus likely to have a downward bias. The 11% increase between 1965 and 1968 in the value of manufacturing shipments has not kept pace with the growth in employment and wages and salaries in manufacturing of 17 and 33% respectively.

Among the most active sectors this year has been the construction industry. New investment in the Province is expected to reach $383 million in 1969 for an increase of 15% over 1968. Spending for construction is anticipated

to be 6% higher, 32% for the purchase of machinery and equipment. For Canada an increase of 11% is anticipated in spending for new capital facilities.

Home-building activity has been particularly strong despite tightness in the money market. On June 30 there were 2,191 units in the course of construction throughout the Province, compared to 1,445 a year earlier. Starts of new houses in the first half were up over 57%, while completions rose 27%. The level of housebuilding activity at mid-year was well above 1968 in Bathurst, Campbellton, Edmundston, Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John.

Auguring well for construction throughout the balance of the year and into 1970 is the 30% increase in the value of building permits issued during the first seven months. While the residential, industrial and commercial categories were all above 1968 levels, most of the increase was in institutional services and government departments with large permits being issued in Campbellton, Dalhousie, Fredericton, Sackville and Saint John.

Income and Employment

Growth in the size of the New Brunswick labour force was quite large during the first half of 1969. Over the first seven months growth in the labour force averaged 3.2% while employment growth was 1.2%. This left an average of 21,000 persons unemployed. The rate of unemployment averaged 10.2%, up from 8.4 last year.

Employment in the primary sector continued to fall in the first half, while manufacturing, construction and most service industries were employing more workers than in the early months of 1968. The length of the average work week in manufacturing and construction has been somewhat shorter so far this year, but average earnings are up. Weekly wages and salaries in industry averaged $96.10 over the January-June period, 7.3% above 1968. This rate is greater than that averaged over the preceding three years.

Total wages and salaries received by Provincial workers during the first half of 1969 amounted to $367 million. This made for a strong gain of 10.9% over the

same period of 1968, compared with Provincial increases of just over 8% in 1967 and 1968 and a national growth of 11.8% so far this year.

Consumer Spending

The value of retail trade in the first half of 1969 was estimated at $317.5 million, 4.8% above 1968. The regular pattern of spending was distorted this year as consumers advanced their purchasing timetable to beat the April 1 increase in the Provincial Social Services and Education Tax. Retail sales in the first quarter were up 12%, but in subsequent months have remained at 1968 levels. Stores in the department, general merchandise, drug and miscellaneous categories reported increases in the order of 9 to 12%. Declines were registered by motor vehicle dealers, furniture and appliance stores, and fuel dealers.

Sales of new motor vehicles also slackened somewhat in the second quarter, down 10% in number after a 30% surge in the first. Sales for the six-month period were up 5.9%

in number and 7.0% in value. The dollar value of passenger cars sold was up 4.8%, commercial vehicles 13.5%.

Cheques cashed were up 10% in the first six months. Tourist car entries were somewhat greater than in 1968 and restaurant receipts were 14% ahead of the first half of 1968. Transportation indicators reported substantial increases over last year. Rail freight volume was up 12% in the first quarter; Saint John cargo handlings were 10% higher after seven months.

Consumer prices for the January-July period averaged 3.6% above 1968. The July Consumer Price Index for Saint John was at a level 4.4% above July 1968, slightly below the all-Canada increase of 5.0%.

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(I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - Population

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	616,000	618,000	623,000	626,000
April	616,000	619,000	624,000	626,000
June	617,000	620,000	624,000	625,000
July	617,000	621,000	625,000	
October	617,000	623,000	626,000	
% change (June/June)		(+ 0.5)	(+ 0.8)	(+ 0.2)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 2 - Marriages (number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	177	184	258	343
February	221	213	174	225
March	148	240	249	179
April	379	315	294	283
May	367	421	426	291
June	518	544	459	455
July	812	863	651	746
August	638	724	778	
September	556	712	752	
October	576	500	500	
November	393	386	408	
December	380	350	384	
Total	5,165	5,452	5,333	
% change (Jan.-July)	+ 8.4	+ 5.6	- 2.2	(+ 0.4)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - Births
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	1,050	1,011	1,145	1,039
February	1,017	932	844	894
March	1,094	1,084	1,084	906
April	1,073	1,102	963	884
May	1,144	1,085	1,129	1,025
June	1,066	1,072	946	1,011
July	1,050	1,088	965	877
August	1,138	1,019	915	
September	1,155	1,060	838	
October	968	1,003	979	
November	953	947	896	
December	1,014	950	1,046	
Total	12,722	12,353	11,750	
% change (Jan.-July)	- 10.3	- 2.9	- 4.9	(- 6.2)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - Deaths
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	391	446	506	430
February	381	378	427	451
March	392	412	500	412
April	412	367	362	386
May	426	389	464	355
June	373	416	370	408
July	368	444	303	341
August	412	423	359	
September	375	412	442	
October	416	404	371	
November	412	386	354	
December	413	416	460	
Total	4,771	4,894	4,918	
% change (Jan.-July)	+ 1.3	+ 2.6	+ 0.5	(- 5.1)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - Total Wages and Salaries*
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	45.5	49.9	53.8	59.5
February	45.5	49.3	53.3	59.9
March	45.9	49.7	54.2	59.8
April	46.9	49.2	54.6	60.2
May	48.6	50.8	56.5	61.6
June	51.7	54.9	58.7	66.1
July	51.7	55.6	59.4	
August	50.9	56.1	60.5	
September	51.0	57.0	60.9	
October	51.3	56.6	60.1	
November	51.0	55.1	60.2	
December	49.8	53.7	59.2	
Total	589.8	637.9	691.4	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 13.1	+ 8.2	+ 8.4	(+ 10.9)

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 6 - Average Weekly Wages and Salaries*
(dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	78.99	84.93	90.96	96.51
February	80.51	85.71	91.04	97.71
March	79.87	86.48	91.36	97.62
April	80.93	86.28	89.40	95.99
May	78.94	83.09	87.19	94.08
June	78.71	84.43	87.65	94.69
July	80.35	83.93	87.50	
August	72.40	84.23	88.21	
September	79.76	86.06	89.43	
October	79.77	86.59	89.56	
November	80.60	85.85	91.46	
December	80.30	85.68	91.50	
Average	79.26	85.27	89.60	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 6.0	+ 7.6	+ 5.1	(+ 7.3)

Sources: D.B.S. 72-001 & 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 7 - Employment Index (seasonally adjusted)*
(1961 = 100)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	113.6	115.9	114.4	116.4
February	113.2	115.2	114.2	117.8
March	114.7	115.2	116.5	118.8
April	119.0	116.3	120.1	123.2
May	116.4	114.5	119.0	120.9
June	117.5	115.8	116.7	117.4
July	116.8	118.7	117.3	
August	114.9	118.4	116.2	
September	113.2	117.3	115.9	
October	113.9	117.9	117.1	
November	114.1	116.1	115.5	
December	115.5	116.0	115.4	
Average	115.2	116.5	116.5	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 5.0	+ 1.1	0.0	(+ 1.9)

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 8 - Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	2,041	2,114	2,775	3,256
February	2,630	2,420	3,225	3,190
March	2,858	3,120	3,022	3,310
April	2,424	3,167	2,914	3,355
May	1,736	2,243	2,248	2,724
June	593	681	724	885
July	554	593	481	
August	484	480	847	
September	486	422	678	
October	594	510	612	
November	668	616	773	
December	1,134	1,021	1,484	
Total	16,202	17,387	19,783	
% change (Jan.-June)	- 2.2	+ 7.3	+ 13.8	(+ 12.2)

Source: D.B.S. 73-001.

Table 9 - Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment
(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969
January	193	200	204	175	178	180	18	22	24	9.3	11.0	11.8
February	193	196	202	171	176	178	22	20	24	11.4	10.2	11.9
March	194	197	202	172	174	177	22	23	25	11.3	11.7	12.4
April	195	201	214	173	179	185	22	22	29	11.3	10.9	13.6
May	199	208	218	185	196	199	14	12	19	7.0	5.8	8.7
June	206	214	217	197	204	203	9	10	14	4.4	4.7	6.5
July	217	221	226	208	211	212	9	10	14	4.1	4.5	6.2
August	216	220		208	210		8	10		3.7	4.5	
September	210	217		203	208		7	9		3.3	4.1	
October	211	207		203	195		8	12		3.8	5.8	
November	208	207		196	194		12	13		5.8	6.3	
December	205	206		191	189		14	17		6.8	8.3	
Average	204	208		190	193		14	15		6.8	7.3	
% change	0.0	+2.0		0.0	+1.6		0.0	+7.1		0.0	+7.4	
(Jan.-July)			(+3.2)			(+1.2)			(+25.2)			(+20.9)

Source: D.B.S. 71-001.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 10 - Farm Cash Receipts From Farming Operations
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	13,723	11,117	10,816	11,609
2nd Quarter	14,258	10,610	12,265	
3rd Quarter	11,659	12,908	12,313	
4th Quarter	12,987	13,504	13,974	
Total	52,627	48,139	49,368	
% change (1st Quarter)	- 12.2	- 8.5	+ 2.6	(+ 7.3)

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 11 - Sources of Farm Cash Receipts
(thousand dollars)

	1966	1967	1968
(A) Field Crops			
Potatoes	16,072	10,260	12,543
Fruits	2,121	1,850	1,575
Vegetables	1,279	1,142	1,125
Oats	293	276	247
Other Crops*	1,135	973	1,071
Sub-total	20,900	14,501	16,561
(B) Livestock and Livestock Products			
Dairy Products	11,075	11,201	10,897
Cattle and Calves	7,463	7,882	7,397
Eggs	4,191	3,539	4,085
Hogs	3,088	2,733	3,532
Poultry	3,210	3,310	3,356
Sheep and Lambs	197	189	216
Other	464	492	488
Sub-total	29,688	29,346	29,971
(C) Forest and Maple Products	1,342	1,228	1,125

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.
*Receipts from the sale of tobacco are included with "other crops" because less than three firms reporting.

Table 12 - Pulpwood Production-Domestic Use
(thousand cunits)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	46.3	90.5	84.9	92.3
February	30.7	63.9	69.2	65.8
March	30.6	67.1	77.8	64.9
April	25.9	34.5	40.2	57.8
May	26.5	51.7	111.0	73.4
June	162.8	146.5	210.4	149.5
July	150.7	217.8	206.5	
August	125.5	200.9	232.9	
September	140.8	167.2	167.3	
October	172.5	107.4	140.4	
November	131.8	149.9	104.4	
December	113.7	155.5	75.4	
Total	1,157.8	1,452.9	1,520.4	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 15.9	+ 25.5	+ 4.6	(- 15.1)

Source: D.B.S. 25-001.

Table 13 - Coal Production
(thousand tons)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	80.2	78.7	70.9	74.5
February	73.4	57.2	63.5	52.3
March	72.5	76.3	61.2	50.6
April	67.1	72.1	58.4	55.4
May	69.1	64.4	63.2	45.9
June	61.1	71.4	58.5	47.7
July	66.2	67.8	69.8	
August	85.4	83.6	70.3	
September	90.0	70.7	60.6	
October	81.4	69.2	78.8	
November	80.4	65.0	68.3	
December	71.5	61.5	73.8	
Total	898.3	837.9	797.3	
Strip	752.8	716.5	715.8	
Shaft	145.7	121.2	81.3	
% change (Jan.-June)	- 9.8	- 6.7	- 4.8	(- 13.1)

Source: D.B.S. 45-002.

Table 14 - Volume of Fish Landings
(thousand pounds)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	1,853	4,640	2,939	6,974
February	1,840	12,775	11,673	10,797
March	4,967	579	18,663	3,401
April	11,003	7,334	16,356	8,030
May	34,326	20,307	43,970	34,332
June	35,235	32,309	34,762	54,342
July	54,409	79,312	65,828	
August	46,130	56,368	73,789	
September	62,095	52,226	98,605	
October	49,610	29,769	49,657	
November	11,315	28,435	27,175	
December	33,455	30,838	92,129	
Total	346,238	354,892	535,546	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 19.0	+ 2.5	+ 50.9	(- 8.2)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.

Table 15 - Value of Fish Landings
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	98	149	98	430
February	119	279	257	291
March	139	25	346	162
April	317	177	353	283
May	1,227	843	1,619	1,439
June	1,543	1,558	1,771	2,339
July	1,702	2,323	1,615	
August	1,661	1,438	1,944	
September	1,740	1,483	2,830	
October	1,103	1,106	1,544	
November	733	779	926	
December	613	616	1,233	
Total	10,995	10,776	14,536	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 4.2	- 2.0	+34.9	(+ 11.3)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.

Table 16 - Volume of Lobster Catch*
(thousand pounds)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	19	21	7	42
February	6	4	5	12
March	4	2	1	3
April	40	14	9	23
May	1,148	713	1,374	788
June	1,009	1,203	1,051	1,260
July	434	611	66	
August	1,404	706	894	
September	977	907	1,344	
October	376	533	534	
November	444	282	427	
December	258	174	251	
Total	6,119	5,170	5,963	
% change (Jan-June)	+ 0.1	- 15.5	+ 15.3	(- 13.0)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

Table 17 - Value of Lobster Catch*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	18	16	7	37
February	6	4	6	12
March	4	2	1	3
April	28	14	9	21
May	618	445	838	502
June	571	723	660	892
July	238	371	39	
August	730	443	590	
September	511	588	969	
October	196	350	400	
November	332	227	291	
December	193	150	179	
Total	3,445	3,333	3,989	
% change (Jan.-June)	- 8.8	- 3.3	+ 19.7	(- 3.6)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 18 - Gross Value of Manufacturing Shipments
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	38.3	41.1	42.6	44.4
February	37.9	39.3	42.7	42.3
March	41.1	44.0	44.6	46.2
April	40.0	41.2	46.0	45.2
May	46.0	47.1	54.3	49.6
June	50.3	51.1	51.2	51.3
July	51.5	47.5	49.8	
August	49.9	48.7	49.1	
September	46.2	47.8	45.9	
October	44.3	47.5	50.4	
November	45.1	48.9	47.5	
December	43.8	42.9	45.2	
Total	534.4	547.1	569.4	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 4.2	+ 2.4	+ 4.1	(- 0.9)

Source: D.B.S. 31-001.

Table 19 - Pulp and Paper Production Index
(1953 Quarterly Average = 100)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
Jan. - Mar.	177.9	187.4	183.7	216.0
Apr. - June	185.2	171.5	193.6	210.0
July - Sept.	182.9	177.3	183.5	
Oct. - Dec.	190.7	188.4	203.5	
Average	184.2	181.2	191.1	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 8.4	- 1.6	+ 5.5	(+ 12.9)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 20 - Sawn Lumber Production
(million feet, board measure)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	18.4	15.4	21.8	26.7
February	20.6	21.3	22.6	23.9
March	22.6	23.5	26.3	27.9
April	15.3	20.2	21.1	28.7
May	17.9	12.8	22.9	24.0
June	26.7	22.0	23.1	29.5
July	25.8	23.7	18.6	
August	27.0	24.2	25.5	
September	17.7	19.5	18.6	
October	21.7	20.9	25.8	
November	16.2	12.6	18.3	
December	17.9	17.5	22.4	
Total	247.8	233.6	267.0	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 5.7	- 5.7	+ 14.3	(+ 16.6)

Source: D.B.S. 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 21 - Net Electric Energy Used*
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	258	290	311	335
February	236	230	296	306
March	258	300	307	318
April	246	271	292	313
May	255	267	299	321
June	248	243	280	280
July	247	254	278	
August	261	266	284	
September	251	264	285	
October	286	291	312	
November	284	287	379	
December	296	306	349	
Total	3,126	3,269	3,672	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 8.4	+ 4.6	+ 12.3	(+ 4.9)

Source: D.B.S. 57-001.

*This series is based on a sample by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Thus the monthly values do not aggregate to the correct annual totals, which may be found in D.B.S. 57-202.

Table 22 - Net Electricity Provided by NBEPC For Consumption
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	206	246	267	278
February	186	226	246	256
March	200	241	253	266
April	187	227	243	246
May	199	225	242	263
June	191	202	238	247
July	196	213	223	249
August	207	229	249	
September	207	215	237	
October	226	245	261	
November	230	239	268	
December	233	246	279	
Total	2,468	2,754	3,006	
% change (Jan.-June)	+11.6	+11.6	+ 9.2	(+ 5.4)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission

Table 23 - Long Distance Calls Originating in New Brunswick
(thousands)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	535	620	706	740
February	505	580	653	681
March	572	653	682	756
April	560	617	679	764
May	611	704	749	818
June	637	717	731	832
July	668	753	859	909
August	725	779	866	
September	660	718	762	
October	649	721	795	
November	641	697	766	
December	668	717	764	
Total	7,431	8,276	9,012	
% change	+12.0	+11.4	+ 8.9	
(Jan.-July)				(+ 8.7)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 24 - Telephones in Service
(thousands)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	174	185	196	207
February	175	187	197	208
March	175	187	198	208
April	176	188	199	209
May	178	188	201	211
June	179	190	202	212
July	181	191	203	212
August	181	192	203	
September	182	194	205	
October	183	195	206	
November	183	195	206	
December	184	195	207	
Average	179	191	202	
% change	+ 7.2	+ 6.7	+ 5.8	
(Jan.-July)				(+ 5.1)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 25 - Housing Starts and Houses Under Construction (All Areas)
(number)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
(A) Starts				
1st Quarter	258	174	172	256
2nd Quarter	853	875	932	1,483
3rd Quarter	782	952	1,152	
4th Quarter	637	545	1,071	
Total	2,530	2,546	3,327	
% change (1 Q.-2 Q)	- 10.6	+ 0.6	+ 30.7	(+ 57.5)
(B) Under Construction				
March 31	1,312	997	1,035	1,380
June 30	1,355	1,375	1,445	2,191
September 30	1,625	1,806	1,873	
December 31	1,428	1,506	1,921	
% change (June/June)	(-25.1)	(+ 1.5)	(+ 5.1)	(+51.6)

Source: D.B.S. 64-002.

Table 26 - Building Permits Issued*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	713	1,004	2,098	3,535
February	1,541	436	853	10,912
March	4,937	1,483	5,759	4,633
April	2,769	5,173	4,048	10,370
May	8,819	6,630	6,897	5,196
June	3,000	10,620	9,709	4,877
July	4,239	5,941	5,593	5,850
August	3,811	4,817	6,793	
September	5,937	4,996	8,352	
October	5,096	4,220	9,102	
November	2,041	7,622	4,518	
December	3,024	6,710	11,147	
Total	45,927	59,652	74,869	
% change (Jan.-July)	- 36.7	+ 29.9	+ 25.5	(+ 30.0)

Source: D.B.S. 64-001.

*Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 27 - Value of Retail Trade
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	39,829	41,264	45,072	50,848
February	36,933	36,551	42,462	43,455
March	46,917	45,779	47,764	57,172
April	48,792	48,397	50,932	50,636
May	47,629	53,347	60,244	59,572
June	48,795	54,396	56,422	55,830
July	49,736	52,585	57,178	
August	44,855	47,056	52,859	
September	46,634	51,372	52,100	
October	50,864	51,798	58,339	
November	52,599	56,485	63,272	
December	66,607	64,197	65,969	
Total	580,190	603,227	652,613	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 3.9	+ 4.0	+ 8.2	(+ 4.8)

Source: D.B.S. 63-005.

Table 28 - Consumer Price Index (Saint John)
(1961 = 100)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	105.8	109.8	113.4	116.6
February	106.5	110.1	113.6	116.3
March	106.6	110.2	113.9	117.1
April	107.3	110.6	114.3	119.3
May	107.4	110.5	114.7	119.5
June	108.1	110.9	115.2	120.3
July	108.2	111.1	115.9	121.0
August	108.9	112.1	116.3	
September	109.0	111.9	116.2	
October	108.8	111.9	115.7	
November	108.7	111.9	116.2	
December	108.9	112.6	116.4	
Average Index	107.8	111.1	115.1	
% change (Jan.-July)	+ 2.6	+ 3.1	+ 3.6	(+ 3.6)

Source: D.B.S. 62-002.

Table 29 - Cheques Cashed in Clearing Houses
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	340.3	410.3	412.2	460.4
February	316.6	364.2	374.3	416.6
March	342.9	400.7	411.0	423.6
April	372.9	446.2	404.4	461.2
May	383.3	424.0	452.4	468.2
June	395.6	407.4	404.5	465.3
July	358.4	400.0	414.5	
August	376.4	451.1	401.0	
September	359.4	387.2	406.9	
October	355.4	419.9	450.8	
November	383.1	444.8	448.9	
December	398.4	381.8	452.4	
Total	4,382.7	4,937.6	5,033.3	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 13.1	+ 12.7	+ 1.9	(+9.6)

Source: D.B.S. 61-001.

Table 30 - Number of New Motor Vehicle Sales*

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
(A) All Vehicles				
January	1,649	1,284	1,445	1,505
February	1,684	1,044	1,445	2,005
March	2,958	1,790	2,147	2,879
April	2,528	1,975	2,064	2,462
May	2,180	2,507	2,805	2,179
June	1,940	2,293	2,596	2,048
July	1,717	1,569	2,160	
August	1,593	1,612	1,708	
September	1,119	1,255	1,294	
October	1,850	1,607	2,233	
November	1,657	1,588	1,635	
December	2,307	1,321	1,473	
Total	23,182	19,845	22,847	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 2.3	- 14.4	- 15.1	(+ 5.9)

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Table 30 - (Continued)*

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
(B) Passenger Vehicles				
January	1,338	1,047	1,010	1,230
February	1,424	809	1,176	1,640
March	2,563	1,514	1,793	2,434
April	2,103	1,680	1,766	1,990
May	1,814	2,122	2,336	1,812
June	1,600	1,904	2,142	1,646
July	1,459	1,249	1,757	
August	1,299	1,251	1,376	
September	947	981	1,022	
October	1,574	1,282	1,780	
November	1,426	1,299	1,329	
December	1,897	1,043	1,205	
Total	19,444	16,181	18,692	
% change (Jan.-June)	+ 3.0	- 16.8	+ 15.5	(+ 5.2)
(C) Commercial Vehicles				
January	311	237	277	275
February	260	235	269	365
March	395	276	354	445
April	425	295	298	472
May	366	385	469	367
June	340	389	454	402
July	258	320	403	
August	294	361	332	
September	172	274	272	
October	276	325	453	
November	231	289	306	
December	410	278	268	
Total	3,738	3,664	4,155	
% change (Jan.-June)	- 1.2	- 2.0	+ 13.4	(+ 9.7)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

*Data on Value of Motor Vehicle Sales for 1967 are being computed on a new base and are no longer comparable with pre- 1967 data. Therefore, only the Number of Motor Vehicles are shown.

Table 31 - Life Insurance Sales
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	8.9	11.0	10.5	14.0
February	13.3	12.7	15.2	15.3
March	12.2	12.4	15.5	15.0
April	12.3	13.1	14.2	14.8
May	13.1	13.5	14.4	13.4
June	12.6	15.1	16.0	
July	11.4	11.4	13.6	
August	11.6	12.1	12.8	
September	13.0	12.2	12.6	
October	14.4	15.0	16.4	
November	14.2	17.2	16.2	
December	13.7	14.6	14.3	
Total	150.7	160.3	171.7	
% change (Jan.-May)	+ 5.8	+ 6.4	+ 7.1	(+ 3.9)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

Table 32 - Total Tourist Car Entries
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
June	131,007	136,292	151,357	156,220
July	258,266	256,452	283,086	291,938
August	232,829	231,384	278,797	281,362
September	141,107	146,137	147,879	
Total	763,209	773,265	861,119	
% change (June-Aug.)	(+12.5)	(+ 1.3)	(+11.4)	(+ 2.3)

Source: New Brunswick Travel Bureau.

Table 33 - Railway Freight Loaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,144.2	1,324.8	1,245.0	1,393.4
2nd Quarter	1,239.5	1,213.5	1,331.7	
3rd Quarter	1,147.6	1,072.0	1,129.5	
4th Quarter	1,234.8	1,154.5	1,167.0	
Total	4,766.1	4,764.8	4,873.2	
% change (1st Quarter)	+ 4.5	0.0	+ 2.3	(+11.9)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 34 - Railway Freight Unloaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,763.0	1,807.2	1,580.8	1,777.0
2nd Quarter	1,331.1	1,292.3	1,323.9	
3rd Quarter	1,137.2	1,051.3	1,097.5	
4th Quarter	1,271.3	1,180.7	1,169.1	
Total	5,502.6	5,331.5	5,171.3	
% change (1st Quarter)	+ 1.0	- 3.1	- 3.0	(+12.4)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 35 - Total Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	723.5	813.6	681.3	738.4
February	730.8	550.3	561.7	689.2
March	825.2	828.2	738.3	762.7
April	462.9	444.1	513.4	543.6
May	448.7	386.8	376.4	411.2
June	433.4	394.3	438.0	448.5
July	459.4	367.9	384.9	461.2
August	473.6	400.7	431.2	
September	447.7	316.0	246.7	
October	329.7	441.1	329.5	
November	542.5	458.8	477.1	
December	591.2	503.6	570.1	
Total	6,468.6	5,905.4	5,748.6	
% change (Jan.-July)	+ 5.8	- 8.7	- 2.7	(+ 9.8)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 36 - Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	Incoming Traffic			Outgoing Traffic		
	1968	1969	% Change	1968	1969	% Change
January	416.6	399.7	- 4.1	264.7	338.7	+ 28.0
February	218.1	383.3	+ 75.7	343.6	306.0	- 10.9
March	414.5	306.8	- 26.0	323.8	455.9	+ 40.8
April	265.7	302.7	+ 13.9	247.7	240.9	- 2.7
May	241.7	297.6	+ 23.1	134.7	113.6	- 15.7
June	316.9	265.6	- 16.2	121.1	183.0	+ 51.1
July	293.8	320.0	+ 8.9	91.1	141.2	+ 55.0
August	334.1			97.1		
September	130.0			116.7		
October	214.4			115.0		
November	333.2			143.9		
December	339.9			230.2		
Total	3,518.9			2,229.6		
% change	+ 4.9			- 12.6		
(Jan.-July)		(+ 5.0)			(+16.5)	

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.